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13 The detergent of claim 1, wherein the at least one alkali metal percarbonate is present in an amount of up to 50 percent by weight.

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14 The detergent of claim 1, wherein the detergent contains 0.5 to 10 percent by weight of at least one compound which gives off peroxy-carboxylic acid under perhydrolysis conditions.

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15 The detergent of claim 1, wherein the detergent contains up to one percent by weight of at least one bleach boosting substance selected from group consisting of transition metal salts and transition metal complexes.

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16 The detergent of claim 1, wherein the at least one alkali metal percarbonate comprises sodium percarbonate.

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17 The detergent of claim 1, wherein the at least one alkali metal percarbonate is present in the form of granules.

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18 The detergent of claim 1, wherein the at least one alkali metal percarbonate has a morphology index of below 0.06.

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19 The detergent of claim 1, wherein the detergent contains 0.0001 to 0.1 mg of the  $\alpha$ -amylase per percent by weight of the at least one alkali metal percarbonate.

19.  
20 A method of increasing the cleaning performance of a detergent in washing and cleaning solutions, the method comprising the step of adding:

- a)  $\alpha$ -amylase from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*; and
- b) at least one alkali metal percarbonate,

to said detergent.

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21 The method of claim 19, wherein the performance is increased against starchy and/or colored stains. - -